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Subject: Announcement of the Award of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award

1. Under the provisions of DoD Directive 1348.33-M, September 1996, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious achievement to Headquarters, North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Headquarters, Northern Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, during the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2008. The following additional subordinate joint units are included in this award: Joint Task Force-North, Joint Task Force-Civil Support, and Joint Task Force-National Capital Region. This award is for the Headquarters only. Service units and individuals assigned to Service units in support of these organizations are not eligible for this award.

2. The Unit Streamer (FSN 8345-01-169-5944), Service Ribbons (FSN 8455-01-170-5143 for Army) and (FSN 8455-01-170-5144 for USAF, USN, USMC), and civilian lapel buttons (FSN 8455-01-348-0488) may be obtained from normal supply channels.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL:


J.D. MAHAR
Chief, Staff Management Branch



Citation

to accompany the award of the

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to

Headquarters, North American Aerospace
Defense Command

And

Headquarters, United States Northern Command

Headquarters, North American Aerospace Defense Command and Headquarters, United States Northern Command distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2008. During this period, with visionary goals, unflagging effort, and sustained progress, the commands achieved extraordinary accomplishments and unprecedented successes in Theater Security Cooperation and mutual support between Canada, Mexico, and the United States. They strengthened Homeland Defense through constant surveillance of potential threats, domestic or foreign, whether in the land, sea, air, or cyber domain. Aerospace warning and control, maritime domain awareness, extensive training, realistic exercises, interagency cooperation and partnering ensured mission readiness. The commands anticipated and provided prompt support to civil authorities in responding to man-made and natural disasters such as the unparalleled 2008 Hurricane Season of Gustav, Hanna, and Ike, a series of devastating western wildfires, Midwest flooding, as well as critical events, the Minnesota bridge collapse and the projected re-entry and impact of a disabled satellite containing hazardous fuel. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Headquarters, North American Aerospace Command and Headquarters, United States Northern Command have brought great credit upon themselves, their Service, and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 26th Day of October 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. M. M.", is positioned above the title of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff